

BIG WHEAT CROP IN SIGHT

The Conditions in France as Reported Are Excellent

2,000,000 ACRES MORE TO BE RAISED

Restrictive Measures Applied to Save Foods—Conditions Best for Years

Paris, Feb. 15.—The condition of winter wheat in the department of France which gives the largest yields is reported by an expert who has just finished a tour of inspection to justify fully the most optimistic hopes for the 1918 crop. Nowhere did the frost do any damage, and the prospects are good for a greater crop per acre than in any year since 1914.

Preparations for spring seeding are well under way and it is probable the acreage will exceed that of last spring by nearly one million. There is an equal increase in the acreage of winter wheat over 1917.

GERMANS STILL ARE DEPORTING BELGIANS

2700 Persons Carried Off from Lokeren and Put to War Work in West.

Brussels, Feb. 15.—Deportation of Belgians by the Germans are continuing, despite the protestation to the contrary by the Belgian authorities, according to information received by the Belgian government. Within the last four weeks the Germans have carried off 2700 persons from the town of Lokeren, in East Flanders, and put them on military work on the western front.

"HORSE CARDS" NOW.

And It is Possible to Get Only a Few of the Beasts in Germany.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—"Horse cards" are the latest things in the complex business of rationing Germany. Small farmers, tradesmen, and others to whom the possession of a horse is necessary for their livelihood, can now and then secure one if they are provided with a "horse card" properly signed and attested by the military authorities. Only a limited number of horses will be available even for holders of the cards. They will be animals no longer required by the army, and some of them will only be lent for short periods, at an essential rental. Emaciated specimens will be auctioned.

STANDARDIZED CLOTHING.

To Be Used By English and Cost Is Only \$14.37 a Suit.

Bradford, Eng., Feb. 15.—A wide range of patterns of standard cloth have been produced and arrangements have been made for the manufacture of one million yards by the end of June. This will enable men's standard suits to be retailed at 57 shillings, sixpence, it is stated.

Four sizes of standard blankets will also be produced and three million yards of standard flannel will shortly be put on the market for retailing at two shillings a yard.

IS YOUR BLOOD THIN? ARE YOUR NERVES WEAK?

Then Try the Tonic for the Blood and That Is So Highly Praise By This Connecticut Woman.

Overwork and worry are two causes of many of the minor ills of humanity. Women especially are subject to the nervous afflictions that arise from these causes.

People with strong constitutions escape many ills that make life miserable for others. Don't you envy the friend who does not know what a headache is, whose digestion is perfect and sleep undisturbed?

Everyone cannot have perfect health but unless you have an organic disease it is generally possible to improve your physical condition by attention to the rules of health, the first step of which is to keep the blood built up.

Mrs. Herbert J. May, No. 121 Shaw street, New London, Conn., has been well and healthy since building up and purifying her blood with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Her experience is further proof of the value of this treatment in all cases of debility. Mrs. May says:

"Through overwork I became all run down and sick for three months. I had no appetite and solid food gave me distress. I had constant dull headaches over my eyes. Oftentimes I felt so used up that I would have to sit down in the midst of my household duties to try and get rested so as to be able to finish at least a part of my day's work. I had no color—even my lips were bloodless—my appetite was poor, my heart palpitated and the least exertion made me short of breath."

"Then I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and good effects showed themselves in less than a week. By the time a few boxes were taken I was well."

The purpose of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is to build up the blood. They do this one thing and they do it well. They are for this reason an invaluable remedy in diseases arising from bad or deficient blood, as rheumatism, neuralgia, after-effects of the grip and fevers. The pills are guaranteed to be free from opiates or any harmful drug and cannot injure the most delicate system.

In spite of the increased cost of all drugs the price of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills has not been changed. Your own druggist can supply you or you can order direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., enclosing fifty cents for one box or \$2.50 for six boxes. Write to-day for a free copy of the booklet on "Building Up the Blood."—Adv.

Pills Cured in 5 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles. First application gives relief. 50c.—Adv.

DIZZINESS, CONSTIPATION

bad taste in the mouth, despondency or "the blues," and other miserable ailments call attention to the liver. It is torpid. Take Hood's Pills—they rouse the liver and relieve all liver ills. They are the old and favorite family cathartic. Purely vegetable. Get it and thorough. 25c. All druggists.

HEADACHE FROM A COLD? LISTEN!

"Pape's Cold Compound" Ends Severe Colds or Grippe in Few Hours

Your cold will break and all gripe misery end after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken. It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffing! Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only a few cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute.—Adv.

SEC. WILSON CALLS FOR MEN TO BUILD SHIPS

Asks Volunteers to Enroll for a Most Necessary and Patriotic Service—Wants 250,000.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Secretary Wilson yesterday issued a statement calling on ship workers to enroll in the United States public reserve during the campaign to secure 250,000 workers to build the country's merchant fleet. "Membership in the reserve brings official recognition of the performance of or the readiness to perform a most necessary and patriotic service," the secretary said.

HOUSE NOT READY.

To Vote for a Change in the British Government.

London, Feb. 15.—Though there may be dissatisfaction in the House of Commons over the conduct of the war, the House is not prepared for a governmental change.

This was shown Wednesday night when Richard Holt's radical amendment to the reply to the throne was rejected by a majority of 131.

Holt expressed regret that military effort was not the government's only immediate task and his resolution was supported mainly by pacifists.

Discontent with the situation was voiced during Wednesday by some members of the House, Herbert Samuel, former home secretary, suggesting that the war cabinet was weary and should be helped by special councils dealing with both military and home affairs.

Premier Lloyd George was at times hard pressed and was aided by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, and Arthur J. Balfour, foreign secretary, the former presenting statistics designed to disprove charges that the government had not kept promises regarding shipbuilding, food and other matters.

Mr. Balfour strongly supported the premier's view that the speeches of Chancellor von Hertling and Count Czernin indicated no change in the aggressive military policy of Germany. His speech seemed to have much effect for many members left the chamber after it and, though debate continued, the vote that gave the government support was taken in a comparatively thin house.

Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, remarked that the speeches of von Hertling and Count Czernin would only take up the matter when peace had been concluded. Great Britain could not adopt the German position, he said, and told the pacifists it would be useless to talk peace unless the enemy meant peace.

The Daily Chronicle says General Sir William Robertson, chief of staff, and General Sir Harry Wilson, British representative in the Versailles war council, will not change places. Each, the newspaper adds, will retain his present post.

WHEAT AND MEAT INQUIRY.
Senate Agricultural Committee Is Told Farmers are Menaced.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Investigation of the nation's food situation with particular reference to wheat and meat was begun yesterday by the Senate agricultural committee. A. Sykes of Idaho, president of the Corn Belt Producers' association, told the committee stock feeders are contending with a host of menacing war time difficulties chiefly inability to get cars to ship their stock to market. Only patriotism, he declared, could keep farmers in business under conditions so discouraging.

"These men won't be burnt again," he said. "They won't pour their earnings into a hole."

Fear that the food administration would establish beef so low as to jeopardize their interests induced many cattlemen to slaughter immature stock, Sykes said. This inevitably will cause advances to the consumer.

Dwight B. Hurd of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly president of the American Livestock association, told the committee that Sykes' picture of a serious meat shortage was not overdrawn and that unless remedial action was taken a domestic shortage equivalent to "a national disaster" was probable.

As a solution to present defects in the production and distribution system, Hurd recommended that the food administration and department of agriculture form a joint committee to analyze conditions and make recommendations for government co-operation with the industry.

SAVING A LOT

But Not Saving Enough, According to Frank C. Hall.

Boston, Feb. 15.—Food enough to supply an army of a million men for four days was saved by hotels, restaurants and clubs in Massachusetts in one month, according to estimates of State Food Administrator Henry B. Endicott. Report showing how the thousands of pounds of meats, flour and sugar saved would help win the war was made by Frank C. Hall, chairman of the hotels, restaurants and club division of the food administration. The report adds:

"When you come to figure this out carefully you will see at once we are not saving enough. We have two million men enlisted and with these savings we could take care of them for only two days."

SECRETARY HOPES FOR PEACE

Cardinal Gasparri Thinks That Another Great Offensive May Be Avoided

AND PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED

Considers President's Last Address a Starting Point

Washington, Feb. 15.—President Wilson's latest address to Congress may furnish a starting point for negotiations that will result in a just and lasting peace. That is the opinion expressed in Rome by Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, who hopes that the address will lead to pour parlers and prevent the bloodshed of a new offensive.

Pope Benedict and Cardinal Gasparri discussed the president's address and seemed satisfied with the effect it probably would have.

Germany's ultimatum to Rumania has led to the formation of a cabinet headed by Gen. Alexander Averescu, the ablest commander in the Rumanian army, known to lean toward peace. It succeeded the Bratianu ministry, known as the war cabinet.

In receiving Earl Reading, the new British ambassador yesterday, President Wilson expressed confidence that the righteous cause for which both are fighting would bind closer together the British and American people and the people of all other nations which desire the establishment of a peace that will last.

Earl Reading expressed the highest gratification that the common cause was certain to strengthen the British-American entente.

Rome reports that vigorous Austrian actions against the new Italian lines in the Franzella and Bella valleys have resulted in enormous losses for the attackers. The Austrian press has lately given fear of an Italian offensive as a reason for refusing the German request for aid in a supreme effort in France.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TO OPEN APRIL 15

There Will Be 154 Games as Usual and the Season Will Close on October

5—Only Three Conflicting Dates with National League.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—As usual 154 games will be played in the American league in the coming season, according to the official schedule announced last night. The season will open in the East, April 15, one day prior to the opening in the West. In the initial games Philadelphia will meet Boston at the Forbes' field, while New York will cross bats with Washington in the Capital city. The western openings the next day will see St. Louis in Chicago against the world's champions, while Detroit is scheduled to play in Cleveland. The season will close Oct. 5.

There will be only three conflicting dates with the National league and all these will be in Chicago. Cleveland will be the opponent of the world's champions on all three occasions—June 23, Aug. 31, and Sept. 1.

Cleveland has been awarded the greatest number of Sunday games—fourteen. Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Boston have been given thirteen Saturdays each. Independence day games will be played in Chicago, Cleveland, Washington and Philadelphia. The labor day program calls for games in St. Louis, Detroit, Washington, Cleveland, New York and Boston.

New York will play two games at Boston on Bunker Hill day, April 19.

Why Chilly Weather Brings Rheumatism

Says skin pores are closed and uric acid remains in blood.

Rheumatism is no respecter of age, sex, color or rank. If not the most dangerous of human afflictions, it is one of the most painful. Those subject to rheumatism should eat less meat, dress as warmly as possible, avoid any undue exposure and, above all, drink lots of pure water.

Rheumatism is caused by uric acid which is generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine; the pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly, cold weather, the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work; they become weak and sluggish, and fail to eliminate this uric acid, which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles, causing stiffness, soreness and pained called rheumatism.

At the first twinges of rheumatism, get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful into a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of uric impurities. Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used with excellent results by thousands of folks who are subject to rheumatism. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which overcomes uric acid and is beneficial to your kidneys as well.

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New Vapor Way of Treating all Cold Troubles

North Carolina Druggist Invents a Salve That is Vaporized by the Body Heat

NOTHING TO SWALLOW YOU JUST RUB IT ON

Particularly Valuable to Mothers with Small Children. Local Druggists Are Offering 25c Jars on 30 Days' Trial.

Colds are simply inflammations of the air passages and everybody knows that the only way to reach the air passages direct is by means of vapors that can be inhaled. The old-fashioned vapor treatments however, were cumbersome and costly, but a North Carolina druggist solved this problem by inventing a salve that is vaporized by the body heat.

This preparation, known as Vick's VapoRub, is now being introduced here. The local druggists know the danger of constant "dosing," especially to small children and are anxious that all their customers should try this new "outside" treatment. Arrangements have accordingly been made with the manufacturers to sell the small size jars, price 25c, on 30 days' trial—no charge to be made if the customer is not delighted with the results.

For deep chest colds, sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, or incipient pneumonia VapoRub should be applied over the throat and chest and covered with a warm flannel cloth. The vapors arising carry the medication, with each breath, to the air passages and lungs. In addition VapoRub is absorbed through and stimulates the skin taking out that tightness and soreness in the chest.

For head colds, hay fever, catarrh or asthmatic troubles VapoRub can either be applied up the nostrils or a little melted in a spoon and the vapors inhaled. Croup is usually relieved within fifteen minutes and one application at bedtime prevents a night attack.

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SHIPYARD MEN TOLD TO WAIT

They Should Hold Their Present Places Till Called

WILL BE CALLED AS THEY ARE NEEDED

R. W. Simonds, State Director of the public service reserve, has received the following information from Secretary of Labor Wilson: "The immediate needs in the shipyards are comparatively filled and the man who leaves his present position to seek employment in a shipyard is likely to find no work. The coming weeks and months, however, will necessitate the increase of the present number of shipyard workers by several hundred thousands of men who have had experience in trades used in shipbuilding. The department of labor with the aid of the shipping board, council of national defense, and the state councils of defense now is enrolling in its United States public service reserve men of these trades who are willing to go to a shipyard when they are advised of a place."

"The shipyard volunteers in the public service reserve will be placed through the United States employment service of the department of labor which will have full details as to when and where the men are needed, the wages and housing, and other conditions. Membership in the reserve brings recognition of the performance of or the readiness to perform a most necessary and patriotic service. It also protects both employers and workers, for it minimizes the drain on industry for the supplying of the shipyards and puts the wage earner, where he can utilize to the fullest extent, his ability and brain power. We appeal to all qualified men to enroll during the present week in the reserve and to stick to their present jobs until they are called."

Mr. Simonds has also received from Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board, thanks to all enrollment agents from the shipping board for the efforts made in securing enrollments, and that no more patriotic service can be performed than has been given by the enrollment agents in enlisting the skilled workmen to enroll in the public service reserve. On the success of the enrollment will depend to a large measure the success of the military and industrial program of the country in the war. He urges that none relent in their efforts until the state quota is obtained.

VERMONT INVITED TO FURNISH SEAMEN

U. S. Shipping Board Has Sent Out Calls for Men for the New Merchant Marine—As Many as 50,000 Young Men Wanted.

Vermont was to-day officially invited by the U. S. shipping board to help man the new merchant marine, and Gov. Horace F. Graham responded with an assurance that it will do everything it can in that direction.

Gov. Graham to-day received the following telegram from Henry Howard, director of recruiting service, U. S. shipping board:

Boston, Feb. 15, 1918.
His Excellency, Horace F. Graham, Governor of Vermont, State House, Montpelier, Vt.

"An announcement by your excellency that the U. S. shipping board recruiting service is seeking 50,000 young men between the ages of 17 and 27 to train for the new merchant marine as seamen, firemen, oilers, water tenders, cooks and stewards, will aid materially in the present work of this service in selecting superior material for filling the complement of its squadron of training ships based at Boston. We believe that Vermont, which in earlier times sent sturdy young men from their homes among her green hills to learn the sailors' trade on New England ships, should share generously in the present broadened phase of the nation's seagoing life. Applicants for training may apply to anyone of 43 enrolling stations now established in drug stores in Vermont or may send their names to me.

Henry Howard, Director of Recruiting Service, U. S. Shipping Board, Custom House, Boston. To the above message Gov. Graham sent this reply:

Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 15, 1918.
Henry Howard, Director of Recruiting, United States Shipping Board, Custom House, Boston, Mass.

Replying your telegram 13th asking that recruiting for the merchant marine be taken up, Vermont will do all in her power to aid in manning our new fleets of cargo ships. I shall recommend that our young men who are free to serve at sea send their names to you for enrollment in the training service of the shipping board.

Horace F. Graham, Governor of Vermont.

INSURANCE TIME EXTENDED.
Government Will Allow Till April 12 for Men in Service.

Joseph G. Brown, secretary of the Vermont committee of public safety, has to-day received the following telegram from Washington, which is of the utmost importance to relatives of soldiers and sailors:

"The time for filing applications for war risk insurance has just been extended by Congress to April 12. Automatic insurance, however, has ceased entirely and no man is now insured by the government unless he has applied. This makes voluntary applications doubly important. Have your publicity man spread news throughout state and continue campaign to bring family influence to bear on men not yet insured."

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